Philadelphia 5th March 3

Sir

I conducted three experiments on milling & cleaning the Bronze Cent Blanks, with the view of determining the loss on these operations. I experimented on upwards of 6000 oz. in each experiment, performed on the 2nd and 15th of February and the 3rd of March. The average loss was 2 1/4 per cent, with the variations 2.3, 2.2 and 2.25 %.

It would therefore be perfectly legitimate to deduct 2 1/4 pr. ct. from the gross weight of the blanks, as received at the Mint, after culling out the imperfectly cut pieces.

Very Respectfully

Hon. A. London Snowden
Superintendent

I. H. C. Booth.
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